

**Submission
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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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I am making a submission regarding the use of 'zombie developments' in proposals to develop environmentally critical land on the Far South Coast between Tura and Mirador.

If land zoning doesn't meet current community expectations or isn't reflecting current knowledge about environmental significance, or hazards like bushfire or flooding, councils should take action to change that zoning, particularly as it was put in place many years ago and is no longer relevant or appropriate.

Councils already have the legal power under the EP&A Act to revoke or modify development consents that are out of step with the provisions of any proposed local planning controls.

With a mass extinction already underway and the obvious impacts of Climate Change hitting NSW (and the world), this is not the time to allow wanton destruction of old growth trees, and rich natural habitats. Tura Beach has 10 Hectares of old growth trees and endangered plants that are now being threatened. This area is full of hollow bearing Bloodwood and Blackbutt eucalypt stands and a long list of Wildlife that rely on this corridor for food and habitat (including Yellow-bellied Gliders, Eastern Pygmy Possums, Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Wombats, Echidnas, Long nosed Potoroos, Bandicoots, Antechinus, Lace monitors, Possums, Red-necked Wallabies, Swamp Wallabies, a wide range of reptiles and many birds).

This area is mapped as a sensitive area on the NSW Biodiversity Values Map with 52 separate Biodiversity Values entries dating back to 25-8-2017 and as recent as 28-3-2022. These listings include "Threatened species or communities with potential for serious and irreversible impacts" and "Biodiverse riparian land".

I call on the NSW Minister for Planning (Anthony Roberts), the NSW Minister for the Environment (James Griffin), the NSW Minister for Local Government (Wendy Tuckerman) and the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water (Tanya Plibersek) to take action to stop these Zombie DAs and protect our environment.